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(c) whether the Government have considered the suggestion made during the last budget debate on the veterinary demand in regard to the advisability of distributing breeding bulls at the various veterinary institutions in the province?

A.—(*a*) (i) 311 cows and heifers,
(ii) 123 bulls, and
(iii) 118 calves; in all 552.
(*b*) 16 breeding bulls.
(*c*) Yes. Bulls are sent to those veterinary institutions where there is a demand for them.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Have the Government considered the proposal made by the Bapatla Taluk Board through the Veterinary Director? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" That offer will be considered when the opening of new dispensaries are contemplated."

Proposals for opening additional veterinary dispensaries.

* 146 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new Veterinary dispensaries are proposed to be started in the Presidency during the current year; how many in each district; and

(*b*) whether representations were made to the hon. Minister during his tour in the Guntur district about the difficulties arising from the absence of a dispensary for Bapatla taluk and what action he has taken or proposes to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) No new dispensaries are proposed to be opened during the current year.
(*b*) Yes. The claims of Bapatla taluk for a veterinary dispensary will be kept in view when proposals for opening new dispensaries in future are considered by Government. The places where the local bodies concerned are willing to meet the whole or a portion of the cost of maintenance of the institution will be given preference.

Education

Inauguration of a scheme of adult education.

* 147 *Q.*—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what definite steps were taken by the present Government, i.e., by the existing Ministers since the beginning of this Council to inaugurate a scheme of adult education?

A.—A detailed scheme has been submitted by the Director of Public Instruction, but no immediate action could be taken on it on account of financial stringency.

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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" May I know when the report from the Director of Public Instruction was received? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It was received, I think, last year or the year before when the Retrenchment Committee of which my hon. Friend was a member was functioning."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" May I know if it requires a big report for the Government to issue orders regarding the need for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" The need for adult education is not the subject of the report. The report is concerned only with the method best suited for adult education."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Are the Government not aware that there is a great need for adult education in this country? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" There are many necessary things which are being delayed for want of money and of these adult education is one."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Have they not had enough time since 1932 to get a report on a scheme for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" We recognized the necessity for it and we called for a report and got it in 1932."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Did it coincide with the time when necessity for retrenchment was felt? Could not the report have been obtained earlier? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" That is a question which should have been addressed to my predecessor."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I ask whether the scheme of the Director of Public Instruction will be published for the information of the public? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Not till orders are passed; the suggestion will be considered after that."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I know what for the night schools are intended other than for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I consider that night schools if properly conducted ought to keep out pupils who are not adults."

Scheme, if any, for adult education.

* 148 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any scheme of adult education? 12 noon

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 147.